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In re Patent Application of:
Igor A. KRICHTAFOVITCH *et al.*

Application No.: 10/806,473

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Art Unit: 2821

For: ELECTROSTATIC FLUID ACCELERATOR
FOR AND A METHOD OF CONTROLLING
FLUID FLOW

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the recently filed Request for Ex Parte Reexamination under 37 C.F.R. 1.510, now pending as application no. 90/007,276, filed October 29, 2004 ("the Request") in connection with Applicant's previously issued U.S. Patent No. 6,504,308 describing related technology. In addition to the Request itself, applicant directs the Examiner's attention to four prior art patents identified therein that were not previously of record:

US Patent No. 5,059,219 of Plaks et al. issued October 22, 1991
3,981,695 of Fuchs issued September 21, 1976;
3,984,215 of Zucker issued October 5, 1976; and
3,026,964 of Penney issued March 27, 1962

In addition to the Reexamination and prior art cited therein, Applicant has subsequently conducted an updated prior art search using the following key words/terms: electric wind; ion wind; ionic wind; ion propulsion; corona wind; electrophoresis; ion drag pressure generation; gas pumping in electrical discharges; electro-fluid-dynamics (EFD); electrohydrodynamic (EHD); EGD; and plasma driven air propulsion, resulting in the identification of the patents and patent publications not previously of record in the present application cited in the attached PTO/SB/08A Form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Applicants hereby petitions that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

I hereby certify that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is “prior art” for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) as amended effective October 21, 2004, unless otherwise requested, copies of the U. S. patents and U. S. patent publications listed on the PTO/SB/08A are not being provided. (*See* Changes to Support Implementation of the U. S. Patent & Trademark Office 21st Century Strategic Plan, 69 Fed. Reg. 56482 at 56510, 56511

(Sept. 21, 2004).) Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to substantively consider the listed references.

No fee is required for this submission. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 432.005 CON/10101579.

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